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Title: MOULDED ARTICLES OF CELLULOSE
HYDRATE WITH ENZYMATICALLY MODIFIED
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 9, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claims 2, 4, and 5 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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2. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cellulase is allowed to act at a pH in the range from 4.0 to 7.5.

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4. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cellulase is allowed to act at a temperature in the range of 50 to 68°C, for 20 seconds to 40 minutes.